

50. (New) The expression construct of Claim 48, wherein said inducible promoter is a heat shock promoter.

51. (New) The expression construct of Claim 50, wherein said heat shock promoter is selected from the group consisting of an HSP70 promoter, an HSP90 promoter, an HSP60 promoter, an HSP27 promoter, an HSP25 promoter, and a ubiquitin promoter.

52. (New) The expression construct of Claim 48, which further comprises, in a 5' to 3' orientation, a second promoter sequence operably linked to a selectable marker gene between (A) and (B).

53. (New) The expression construct of Claim 48, wherein said selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

54. (New) The expression construct of Claim 48, which further comprises a second selected polynucleotide operably linked to said HIV-2 promoter and an internal ribosome entry site positioned between the two selected polynucleotides.

55. (New) The expression construct of Claim 54, wherein said second selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

56. (New) A method of expressing a selected polynucleotide in a cell, comprising providing an expression construct, which comprises (A) an HIV-2 promoter sequence operably linked to a selected polynucleotide; and (B) an inducible promoter sequence operably linked to a transactivating factor, which binds to and activates said HIV-2 promoter; introducing said expression construct into the cell; and subjecting said cell to conditions which activate said inducible promoter thereby resulting in the expression of said selected polynucleotide.

57. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein said transactivating factor is the HIV-tat transactivating factor.

58. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein said inducible promoter is a heat shock promoter.

59. (New) The method of Claim 58, wherein said conditions which activate said heat shock promoter comprises subjecting the cell to hyperthermic conditions.

60. (New) The method of Claim 58, wherein said heat shock promoter is selected from the group consisting of an HSP70 promoter, an HSP90 promoter, an HSP60 promoter, an HSP27 promoter, an HSP25 promoter, and a ubiquitin promoter.

61. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the expression construct further comprises, in a 5' to 3' orientation, a second promoter sequence operably linked to a selectable marker gene between (A) and (B).

62. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein said selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

63. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the expression construct further comprises a second selected polynucleotide operably linked to said HIV-2 promoter and an internal ribosome entry site positioned between the two selected polynucleotides.

64. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein said second selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

65. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the introduction of said expression construct into the cell is mediated by a delivery vehicle selected from the group consisting of liposomes, retroviruses, adenoviruses, adeno-associated viruses, lentiviruses, herpes simplex viruses, and vaccinia viruses.

66. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the introduction of said expression construct occurs *in vitro*.

67. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the introduction of said expression construct occurs *in vivo* or *ex vivo*.

68. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 48; and a carrier.

69. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 49; and a carrier.

70. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 50; and a carrier.

71. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 51; and a carrier.

72. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 52; and a carrier.

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73. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 53; and a carrier.

74. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 54; and a carrier.

75. (New) A composition comprising the expression construct of Claim 55; and a carrier.

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